

Summary

THE RIGHTS TO THE STREETS OF MEMPHIS

Richard Wright

Setting: Memphis, Tennessee, early 1900s

Richard Wright recalls an important event from his childhood. One afternoon, he tells his mother that he is hungry. She explains that there is no food because his father has left home. When Wright's mother takes a job as a cook, Wright and his brother have to learn to take care of themselves during the day. One night, Wright's mother gives him a new chore. He will have to do the family's food shopping. She gives Wright money to buy food. He goes to the store, but a gang of boys stops him. They knock him down and take the money. When Wright returns home, his mother tells him he will have to do the shopping tomorrow. The next day, the boys stop Wright, slap him, and steal his money. He returns home, but his mother does not let him inside. She says he has to learn to stand up and fight. She gives him more money and a big stick. She tells Wright he cannot return home unless he has the food.

LOS DERECHOS A LAS CALLES DE MEMPHIS

Richard Wright

Ambiente: Memphis, Tennessee, a principios del siglo XX

Richard Wright recuerda un suceso importante de su niñez. Una tarde, él le dice a su madre que tiene hambre. Ella le explica que no hay comida porque su padre se fue de la casa. Cuando la madre de Wright comienza a trabajar como cocinera, Wright y su hermano tienen que aprender a cuidarse a sí mismos durante el día. Una noche, la madre de Wright le da una nueva tarea. él tendrá que ir a comprar la comida. Ella le da dinero a Wright para comprar comida. él va a la tienda, pero una pandilla de muchachos lo detiene. Lo tumban al suelo y le quitan el dinero. Cuando Wright regresa a casa, su madre le dice que al otro día tendrá que volver a hacer la compra. Al día siguiente, los muchachos detienen a Wright, le pegan y le roban el dinero. él regresa a casa, pero su madre no lo deja entrar. Ella le dice que él tiene que aprender a defenderse. Ella le da más dinero y un palo. Le dice a Wright que no puede regresar a casa a menos que consiga la comida.